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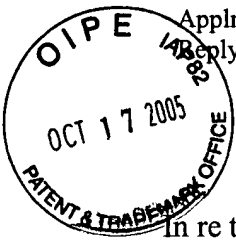
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Sir:

This is a Reply Brief in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.41 in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed September 2, 2005. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, should any fees be due, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Appellant wishes to resolve for the record a misunderstanding as to which rule applies to the Appeal Brief filed August 28, 2005. On page 2, the Examiner's Answer alleges that 37 C.F.R. 1.192(c)(7) applies: "The rejection of claims 1-68 stand or fall together because appellant's brief does not include a statement that this grouping of claims does not stand or fall together and reasons in support thereof. See 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7)."

Appellant respectfully traverses this assertion because the Appeal Brief was (and still is) governed by 37 C.F.R. 41.37. Contrary to the assertion in the Examiner's Answer, 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) is defunct and inapplicable to the Appeal Brief. Because 37 C.F.R. 41.37 does not

require a statement indicating claim grouping, Appellant has not waived any right to separate consideration of separately-argued claims by excluding such a statement.

As for the remaining issues, Appellant hereby incorporate by reference all arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief as though they were restated in full herein. In addition, Appellant responds herein to the section entitled “(11) Response to Argument” starting at page 17 of the Examiner’s Answer. Specifically, the Examiner’s Answer continues to specify two different things as describing Appellant’s “web page layout.”


With respect to Appellant’s claim 1 feature of, “generating a web page layout,” the Examiner’s Answer indicates that the template and sub-template system of U.S. Patent No. 6,112,242 to *Jois* describes this generating a web page layout feature. Then, with respect to Appellant’s claim 1 feature of, “receiving a predetermined selection signal indicative of a user interface selection device pointing at a selected predetermined region of the web page layout,” the Answer states that U.S. Patent No. 6,330,575 to *Moore* shows “changing the style of the header, which is a predetermined region of a web page layout ...where changing the style of the header by *clicking* on Left, Right, or Center of the header template shows a selecting device pointing at a selected predetermined region, which is the header, of the web page layout.” (Answer, page 18, emphasis added). In fact, a user selects entries on a step-by-step basis in *Moore* without any interface with a “web page layout” until generation either under the specific “Preview” tab or “Publish” tab. There is no “web page layout” of any kind in *Moore* for a user to be able to select a predetermined region of the web page layout.

Appellant provides the above statement with respect to claim 1. Similar features can be found in other claims 2-68 that are pending. Appellant continues to respectfully submit that the final rejection of claims 1-68 is improper and should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,
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